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Change and challenge link 2015 and 2016

BY FRANK DABBS
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Looking back, the most important story of 2015 in Didsbury was the collapse in oil prices, and looking ahead the challenge in 2016 will be adjusting to the new economic and social realities that Central Alberta faces.

Didsbury put its best foot forward many times in 2015, beginning in January with six days of curling when the curling club hosted about 20 out-of-town rinks among the 36 teams in the 21st annual Farm & Ranch Bonspiel.

The Rosebud Health Foundation resolved the design issues that had created a financial obstacle to construction of a new helipad large enough to accommodate the new generation of STARS emergency helicopters at the Didsbury Health Centre. Construction on the helipad will begin in the spring of 2016.

The Mountainview Colts won the first two playoff rounds in the Heritage Junior B northern division, defeating the Stettler Lightning and Airdrie Thunder before losing the division championship to the Blackfalds Wranglers.

In the 2015-16 season the Colts at year-end held first place in the northern division with 20 victories and will be a strong contender in the playoffs in February and March.

The film industry came to town when the iconic television series Fargo picked a location in the historic downtown core for some scenes in an episode for the second season of the series. This has been followed by the selection of Didsbury for another TV series called Wynonna Earp.

Symphonic Winds in Spain

In the spring the Didsbury High School Sym-phonic Winds concert band travelled to Spain for a tour that included visits to Madrid, Seville, Valencia, Barcelona and Grenada.

In November DHS hosted Jazz Fest and in December drama students produced the musical Les Misérables.

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Photo courtesy of Lana Kreiser
Lana Kreiser (left), Nana Matsuno and Grace Kreiser celebrate Nana's Maple Leaf student exchange visit to Didsbury from Miki Town, Japan in March 2015. See story page 3.

Rosebud trunk line tops big ticket items

BY FRANK DABBS
MVP Staff

The \$1.87-million Rosebud trunk line to provide sewer service to the undeveloped north side of Didsbury tops the town's 2016 budget approved Dec 22.

Completion of the project will clear the way for the development of the town-owned Shantz Crossing industrial park and residential subdivisions on land north of Highway 582 along 23rd

Street.

The Rosebud project will include a lift for wastewater from the line to the sewage lagoon. It will be paid for from Didsbury's reserves in the amount of \$960,000 and \$910,000 in grants from senior levels of government.

Grants will also pay for Phase 4 of the \$84,000 aquatic centre refurbishment. Sidewalk projects in 2016 totalling \$108,000 will be paid from the town's operations capital budget.

Council approved \$80,000 to start the new town signage project and \$24,000 for the new peace officer dispatch system that is intended to make patrols by the town's peace officers safer.

The total capital budget for 2016 is \$3,258,400. Reserves will cover \$1,141,145, grants will pay for \$1,754,000 and just \$363,255 will be paid for from the operations budget.

The total operating budget is \$9,710,410. There is no change from

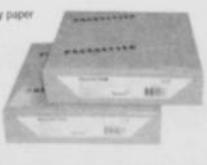
2015 in the final budget total and there will be zero increase in tax rates for residential and non-residential tax rates.

The final property tax bill for individual taxpayers will depend on the individual assessments that are not yet completed and the school levy.

Council also approved a 1.5 per cent across-the-board cost of living pay increase for all town staff effective Jan. 1.

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Carstairs continues to grow

2015 one of the strongest years for development

BY PATRICIA RILEY
MVP Staff

Carstairs is continuing to grow as more people are moving to town and this year has been one of the strongest years for development.

The Town of Carstairs issued 161 building permits in 2015 and 71 of them were new home starts. Total construction value of approved permits was just under \$17 million.

In 2014 there 132 permits issued, with a total value of \$13.6 million and 62 of them were new home starts. Town officials said at that time it was the strongest year since 2008.

"It's stronger than what we were expecting," Carl McDonnell, the town's chief administrative officer said last week, adding they were expecting between 50 and 60 new home starts

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CARL McDONNELL,
Town of Carstairs CAO

this year.

"I think the variety of homes that the builders and developers have put on the market definitely makes a difference," he said.

"We've got from the starter home all the way up to the executive-style home,

which is great, so there's a good variety and good price points.

"I think our location definitely helps as Airdrie continues to grow, and Balzac, more people are looking to the north to move out of the city."

He said the majority of people moving to Carstairs are young families, which has had a significant impact on the school system in town.

For the last couple of years more than 100 kids have been enrolled in kindergarten and there has been overcrowding at Carstairs Elementary School.

"As many people know, the K-4 went to a K-2 school because of the young families that are coming here, so it's very positive," he said.

Aside from new home starts, many of the permits issued in 2015 were for upgrades and renovations to houses.

But as the town continues to see a

spike in residential growth, commercial growth is lacking.

There weren't many permits issued for commercial purposes this year, aside from a few upgrades and minor development.

He said town officials are projecting at least 50 new home starts in 2016 and there is a strong demand for the lots in the Scarlett Ranch, Havenfield and Stonebridge subdivisions.

"Although the Alberta economy is slowing, because of the price point on the houses here, we're seeing it's an attractive place to come. You can save 100 to 150,000 dollars on your mortgage compared to the cities," he said.

"We're very fortunate. We've got really good interest from developers and the builders are still very positive about 2016's growth. It's been a fairly positive year."

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However, the fountaining economy overrode the good news stories.

The economic downtown was connected to increased petty property crimes, particularly vehicle thefts and home break-ins that had previously been blamed on drug addiction.

Landlords and realtors note a rise in the vacancy rate because younger people who are losing jobs are leaving Didsbury. The town's population is likely to shrink in 2016.

The sale of industrial lots in the municipally-owned Shantz Crossing development stalled and that is attributed to the economic downturn.

The Mountain View Food Bank expects higher demand in 2016. The annual 2015 Christmas Helpers hamper program and the Didsbury community Christmas dinner saw increased need.

Farming a bright spot

Farming is the economic bright spot. After a dry spring that saw hay prices escalate, rain came to most parts of Mountain View County surrounding Didsbury and wheat, grain and livestock operations turned in a good season.

Looking ahead to 2016, lower oil prices have reduced the input costs of fuel and petroleum- and natural gas-based machine oil, fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides.

Alberta Agriculture says that if Mountain View County gets good precipitation levels through the winter, the 2016 crop year will get off to a good start.

The passage of Bill 6, which brings provincial Occupational Health and Safety and the Workers' Compensation Board into local farmyards, faced bitter opposition.

In 2016 the new NDP government faces more grassroots rural political action with a petition under section 172 of the Election Act to force a plebiscite on carbon pricing taxation.

Provincial and federal elections

Politically the guard changed with the election of Nathan Cooper as the Wildrose party MLA in Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills in the May 5 provincial election that saw the Alberta Progressive Conservative 44-year dynasty end with the election of Premier Rachael Notley's NDP government.

Bruce Rowe, the constituency's previous member, was one of the nine Wildrose members who crossed over to the Progressive Conservative caucus. None of the nine survived the 2015 election – some were beat out and others like Rowe, didn't run.

Federal redistribution saw the creation of the new riding of Red Deer – Mountain View for the 2015 federal election.

Conservative MP Earl Dreessen, 62, was re-elect-

ed in the Oct. 19 election and is the new member for the new riding. In Didsbury, he takes the place of MP Blake Richards who was re-elected in the new riding of Banff-Airdrie.

Dreessen and Richards joined the Conservative official Opposition in Ottawa as the Liberals lead by Justin Trudeau defeated the Stephen Harper government.

Dreessen's good relationship with interim Conservative leader Rona Ambrose, who campaigned for him in the riding, bodes well for the airing in Ottawa of local issues and concerns.

Change in Didsbury

In Didsbury, the biggest political change came when chief administrative officer Roy Brown went on medical leave in June and was fired with cause by town council in November.

Harold Northcott, a Clive, Alta. farm son and star amateur baseball pitcher, was hired as the new chief administrative officer from his job as chief administrative officer of Birch Hills County in central Peace River country.

For local business development, the creation by the chamber of commerce of the Alliance for Business and Community Development created a new vehicle for collaborative economic growth.

The town completed an \$8-million storage lagoon so that its wastewater system can service a population of 7,000.

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Miki Town exchange students

Creating a global perspective

BY FRANK DABBS
MVP Staff

For five days in March 2015 Grace Kreiser, then 12, and Nana Matsuno, 13, shared the world of possibilities that girls entering adolescence inhabit.

What made their hanging out together unusual is that they had to bridge the cultural gap between Central Alberta and central Japan's Kawaga Prefecture before they got to the life-sharing part of the experience.

What brought them together was the annual Maple Leaf Exchange that brings Miki-Town students, who have won a competition staged to select the youth, to Didsbury each year for a visit.

What keeps them connected is that their eyes were opened to the bigger world than they had known before – a world that they now share as friends and a world made small enough to continue to connect by email.

Think Anne of Green Gables 150 years later.

"The girls – Grace and Nana (pronounced Noona) – got along like a house on fire," Grace's mother Lana Kreiser said in an interview over coffee Dec. 29.

"Fortunately Nana



Photo courtesy Lana Kreiser
Grace Kreiser, (left) and Nana Matsuno enjoy a student exchange visit in the multi purpose room at the Didsbury Memorial Complex.

spoke English because our Japanese is, well, it isn't."

Nana had an electronic translating device; she entered phrases and ideas in Japanese that she couldn't express in English and the device translated.

Two memories of the cultural gap Nana faced stand out, said Lana.

One is that Nana was intrigued with the CPR train tracks in town, and took many photos of the trains passing through. "She knew high-speed bullet trains; ours were

slow."

The second was the garage door opener at the Kreiser home that Lana's husband Barry opened with the flick of a switch.

"Nana was endlessly fascinated."

"I have never before seen a wall disappear into a house," she told the Kreisers, explaining that homes in Miki have carports, not garages.

The Miki-Town students are more buttoned down, more rule-oriented than their Didsbury hosts, Lana said. For example, they don't have janitors in their school, they clean it and take care of it themselves.

In turn Nana and her companion students, teachers, chaperones and town officials had plenty to share with their Didsbury hosts, said Lana. "Sushi, calligraphy and origami – and noodle night."

Nana brought the basic ingredients for an evening Japanese meal; she had a list for the groceries that Lana needed to complete the recipes for a memorable Japanese dinner at the Kreisers'.

The five days Nana spent with the family on their five-acre property east of town included group activities including a wiener roast and a dinner in the multi-purpose room at the Memorial Complex.

They went bowling and

to the Didsbury Museum where Nana and Grace dressed in period costumes. "On that day, we saw our history through Nana's eyes," said Lana.

A highlight of the visit was a day they spent at the Royal Tyrrell Museum and in the Morren Valley at Drumheller.

"This trip is a big deal for the Miki students who have to compete to qualify for it, including writing an essay," said Lana.

"I think it gives both groups (the Miki Town and Didsbury students) a global perspective and view of a bigger world," she said.

"Our family has volunteered to host a student again this year and it has renewed our desire to travel more."

"Barry and I believe that we would rather have stamps on our passports than things in our home."

The Kreisers have taken Grace and son Simon to Australia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Mexico and the U.S., including Hawaii.

Now Japan is on the list and they have an open invitation from the Matsuno family to visit Miki-Town.

Families who also want to host a Japanese student from Miki are invited to contact Christofer Atchison at the Town of Didsbury by calling 403-335-3391.



Photo courtesy Lana Kreiser
Nana Matsuno compares her height to a fossilized dinosaur leg at the Royal Tyrrell Museum in Drumheller during her Maple Leaf student exchange visit in March 2015.

This will be the 11th year of the program, said Atchison, the town's manager of legislative services.

Participating families open their homes and daily lives to the students and close and lasting friendships have resulted from past exchanges, Atchison said.

"This need not be expensive or extravagant," said Atchison. "There are no set prerequisites for participating families."

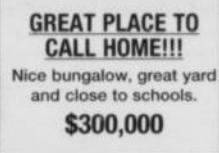
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January 7. Didsbury and District Seniors Support Services begins the Thursday afternoon program: a weekly free program of games, activities, special events and refreshments at the train station. If a ride is needed, please call 403-335-4391. All seniors are welcome to come and enjoy!

January 12, 19 and 26. Free "Money Matters" workshop at the Didsbury Library. Money Matters is a financial literacy program for adult learners developed by ABC Life Literacy Canada with support from TD Bank Group. ABC Life Literacy Canada is partnering with the Library and co-sponsoring this series of workshops for you to learn to better manage your money! Workshops will be Tuesday evenings, January 12, 19, and 26. Please register at the Library. No charge. Maximum 12 participants.

January 15. Story time begins again at the Library. Join Rachel and her friend Ted for some singing, dancing, and a story or two. Story time is on Friday mornings at 10:30am. Bring your 3 to 5 year old (older and younger siblings are welcome) to enjoy 30 to 45mins free interactive reading sessions.

January 27. Coffee and Conversation at the Didsbury Museum from 1 to 3:30 pm. Starting off the New Year with local artist Dee Poisson. Dee will be speaking about her art work and demonstrating how to work with coloured pencils.

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Editorial

Didsbury can grow in 2016

The year 2016 is opening as a "cup half empty, cup half full" year for Didsbury's life as a community: 12 months of creating future opportunity or a year in the economic waiting room.

The collapse in benchmark price of crude from US\$96 in July 2014 to US\$37 has cost Alberta 35,000 well-paying jobs, 25,000 in oilfield services and 10,000 in corporate exploration and production, says the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers.

Rural communities – like Didsbury – are directly impacted by the 25,000 cuts because its businesses directly support those jobs and some of our highest family incomes come from the oil service sector.

The oil boom and the jobs and wealth it created are not coming back soon.

The Middle East members of the Organization of Petroleum Producers are ensuring that the world is awash in crude oil so that the price remains low, and North America gives up shale oil and oil-sands market share gains that buoyed Alberta and Canada's economy for six years from 2009 to 2014.

The leaders in Didsbury who decide every Monday morning what we can do to make the economy work and build the future don't yet see an opportunity in being a part of building the low carbon economy.

The future makers of solar panels and wind turbines will need a home in Alberta but Didsbury hasn't yet capitalized on the opportunity.

This is a year in which the \$10 billion in Alberta's annual agricultural earnings will have more impact on the economic environment than the losses incurred by distressed crude oil, bitumen and natural gas prices.

Agriculture is Didsbury's safety net in 2016, and Mountain View County's regional weather during the crop year – better than in counties that declared agriculture emergencies in 2015 – may again be a competitive advantage.

The town has another short-term source of jobs and economic activity with infrastructure construction. Didsbury blew its opportunity to make the most of the \$4-million fire hall project, but the Rosebud trunk line and the town centre project, when it goes ahead, are opportunities to capture economic activity for the community.

In the medium term, Didsbury has the economic opportunity to build for the retirement of Albertans who want to be near Calgary, but not live in it.

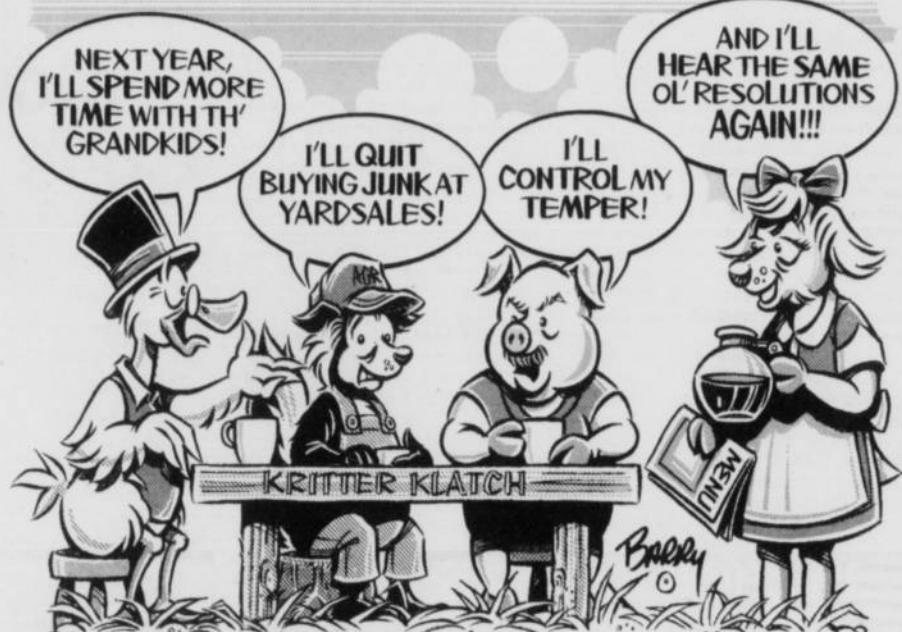
Commuters prefer bedroom communities closer to Calgary than Didsbury but retirees would see this town as ideal: picturesque rural setting, close to big-city amenities and to the airport.

Resolving R-5 zoning would open the door to build condos and villas for retirees. Didsbury has recently lost such projects because the R-5 issue is dividing the community.

However, the town has tracts of land for retirement-focused subdivisions on the north side of town away from current residences.

Didsbury has diverse economic opportunity not dependent on the oil industry.

In the short term: agriculture and construction; in the medium term: agriculture, construction and retirement living; in the long term: agriculture, construction, a retirement community, and a renewable energy industry.



'TIS THE SEASON FOR PROCRASTINATORS TO DO THEIR THING...

Commentary

Looking forward to look back

BY DARLANA ROBERTSON

So we've reached the end of another year and what a year it has been!

Canada and Alberta have seen a complete shift in the political atmosphere. Both the price of oil and the Canadian loonie took an unfortunate nosedive, and Miley Cyrus released a new studio album. All in all, an interesting year. I'd say.

When the clock strikes midnight on Dec. 31 we will all bid a fond farewell to 2015 and look with anticipation at the upcoming year. While we look ahead it is, of course, always prudent to look behind us as well.

In 1788 Robert Burns, a Scotsman, wrote a poem encouraging the reflection of days gone by and people who have touched our lives. Auld Lang Syne is heard at pretty much every English speaking New Year's party and pretty much every TV sitcom ever produced during their token New Year's episodes.

Set to music, it is intended to be a reflection of days gone by, or more accurately translated, times long past. A new year is a time to put aside petty differences and find peace with the passing year, the passage of time, and the people who have touched our lives. It is a time to remember old acquaintances and forgive past grievances in favour of a fresh start.

While 2015 may not have been Canada's most prosperous year, we can certainly be grateful for coming out of it a little older, a little wiser, and

despite what the doomsday naysayers would have you believe, in one piece.

They say that life is a journey, not a destination, so we should celebrate the passage of another year and embrace all of the opportunity that a new one brings. There are so many who began 2015 and are sadly not making out the other side. Celebrate all that 2015 had to offer, all we have learned. The time is now to set goals, dream big, and imagine a 2016 that you will be proud to celebrate one year from today.

Take a moment to reach out to an old friend and ask how they have been. Take the time to read a book you've been meaning to read. Every year is a new chance to set the journey of your life on a new track and another 365 days to see where that track leads.

Should old acquaintance be forgotten? I think not. I recently had the privilege of reconnecting with an old friend from high school. It's amazing to see how much she has changed, and even more amazing to see how much she has stayed the same. If someone has touched your life, it is never too late to reach out and find one another again.

Imagine a 2016 where bonds of friendship are reformed, new connections are made, and everyone beginning anew on Jan. 1 has another stepping stone on the journey through life.

Perhaps we should all heed Mr. Burns' sage advice and take a cup of kindness, extend a helping hand, and have a cold drink with an old friend.

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Colts fall to Three Hills in overtime

BY FRANK DABBS
MVP Staff

The Mountainview Colts came home with the consolation prize – one point in the standings – after a 4-3 shootout loss to the Three Hills Thrashers Jan. 2.

The Thrashers opened the scoring on a power-play goal scored by Ben Sherman on a pass from Michael Lougheed in the first period.

The Colts responded with three goals in seven minutes and went into the dressing room after 20 minutes with a commanding 3-1 lead.

Colton Anderson, Cole Sutherland and Tyson Schmidt notched the Mountainview markers. Schmidt's goal came on power play. Trey Wallace assisted twice, Schmidt once and Evan Ingram got one helper.

Then began the slow erosion of the Colts' fortunes. They did not score again through the evening although they outshot Three Hills by 36 to 34.

Three Hills scored another power-play goal in the second period when Taylor McCubbing successfully finished off a passing sequence from

Patrick Fougere and Tyler Newsham.

The Colts held the lead by one goal until the midpoint of the third period when Ryan Spiller connected after passes from Lougheed and Fougere.

Regulation time finished in a 3-3 tie and the 10-minute sudden death overtime period was scoreless. So the game came down to a shootout.

Cole Sutherland, Colton Anderson and Tyson Schmidt all failed to beat Thrashers goaleader Greg Pois.

However, Patrick Fougere and Ryan Plante-Crough scored on Thomas Della Siega and the game went to Three Hills in a 4-3 decision.

The victory brings Three Hills to within a point of third-place Red Deer Vipers in the northern division of the Heritage Junior B standings. Red Deer has 35 points and Three Hills 34.

The Colts hold first place with 41 points and Airdrie Thunder is in second place, three points back with 38 points.

The Colts play four away-games in seven days in the toughest stretch of the 2015-16 schedule. They are in Blackfalds against the Wranglers on Jan. 5, again in Three Hills to play the Thrashers on Jan. 8, in Cochrane

against the southern division Generals on Jan. 9 and in Red Deer to play the Vipers on Jan. 11.

They play a fifth road game in High

River against the Flyers on Jan. 15 before coming home to play the Stettler Lightning on Jan. 16 at the Memorial Centre.

Heritage Junior B northern division

Mountainview Colts lead division

TEAM	GAMES PLAYED	WINS	LOSSES	OVERTIME LOSSES	POINTS
Mountainview Colts	27	20	6	1	41
Airdrie Thunder	28	18	8	2	38
Three Hills Thrashers	27	16	9	2	34
Red Deer Vipers	26	15	8	3	33
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AHMAD, Rozina Margaret

It is with great sorrow in our hearts that we announce Rozina Ahmad, our much beloved daughter, sister, teacher, and friend passed away suddenly on Thursday, December 24, 2015. She leaves to mourn, her mother and father, Christine and Mukhtar Ahmad; her brothers, Shawn, Nissar and Mahmood; her many aunts and uncles, cousins, colleagues, friends and students. A Memorial Service will be held at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church, Didsbury, AB on Saturday, January 9, 2016 at 2:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to an animal shelter of your choosing or Pawsitive Match, PO Box 84165, Market Mall RPO, Calgary, AB, T3A 5C4. Messages of condolence may be left for the family at www.myalternatives.ca.

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HELEN D. TAINSH (nee SIMONS)



Helen D. (Simons) Tainsh was born August 1, 1921 at Munson, Alberta to Robert Simons (a United Church Minister) and Olive Simons (a teacher). Helen travelled much of Alberta, being the daughter of a United Church Minister. She was born in Munson then moved to Wembley, Sexsmith, Ft. Saskatchewan and Innisfail. She attended Normal School at the University of Alberta in Edmonton in 1939 and 1940. From there she taught school in Bowden, Innisfail, Buckeye and Torrington before retiring in 1980 after a 25 year career of teaching. She influenced many, many children during her long, eventful and satisfying career.

It was while teaching at Buckeye School that Helen met the love of her life, Peter Tainsh, and they married on June 28, 1947. Helen was a sports enthusiast and loved skating, baseball and hockey. She enjoyed baking and gardening and continued to enjoy her gardening at 6:00 am (before the heat of the day) well into her eighties. She enjoyed singing and participated in led choirs for all of her active years in the United Church and in the senior choir in later years. She enjoyed board games and cribbage and was a fierce competitor. Fans at Thrasher hockey games soon learned to not sit too close to Helen as often after every goal whoever was sitting either beside or in front of her had their legs or backs heavily pummeled. Helen was a very organized person saying that being a teacher and raising five boys and helping out her husband on the farm required being on top of everything. No matter how busy her schedule she still made sure there were cookies in the cookie jar (even providing pails of cookies for her grandchildren to take home), lunches made for everyone and a hot meal on the table in the evening (which always included dessert). During harvest she made sure that the harvest crew had a cool drink of ice tea, ice water or lemonade and a full meal including homemade cookies or squares. The family got used to her daily, weekly and monthly lists and each of the boys have followed her example. Her Mottos were anything you do, do your very best; be ready to help someone when you see their need and do something for someone every day.

Helen is survived by her five sons: James (Carolyn), Norm (Gail), Brian (Terri), Tim (Mary Lou) and Dennis (Kelly), 16 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren, her sister Vivien Fonofone, her sisters-in-law Thel Simons, Marie Simons and Marion Meston, as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Peter on May 2, 1992, her parents Robert and Olive Simons, her siblings Robert Simons, Margaret Lynch, Harold Simons and Wesley Simons.

A memorial service was held Thursday, December 31, 2015 at Knox United Church in Three Hills, Alberta with Sunset Funerals Services Ltd. in charge. Condolences may be sent to the family at condolences@sunsetltd.ca. Memorial tributes may be made to Knox United Church.

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October 8, 1937 – December 26, 2015

Jim Sinclair passed away peacefully with his beloved wife Doris by his side at the age of 78. Lovingly remembered by his children Donna (Gary) and Barb (Neil); Grandchildren Travis, Chase, Jared; and brother Denny (Gloria). Jim was pre-deceased by his wife Jean, father Herb, mother Jean, and infant brother Herbie. Jim was born and raised in Didsbury and worked as a welder in the family business (Sinclair's Welding and Blacksmithing). In the mid 70's, he relocated to a farm outside of Sundre where he resided until 2012 when he and Doris moved into the Town of Sundre. Jim loved animals, especially his horses and enjoyed many years of team roping. Jim had a great knack for story-telling. He had such vivid details and emotion that it felt like you were actually there. Jim will be greatly missed by all that knew him. The family will have a private memorial grave side service at a later date.



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